

**PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS Part IB**

**PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR PART II OF THE PHILOSOPHY TRIPOS**

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Friday 2 June 2000

9 to 12

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Paper 4

ETHICS

Answer **three** questions only.

Write the number of the question at the beginning of each answer. If you are answering an either/or question, indicate the letter as well.

- 1 Is conflict between self-interested and altruistic reasons any different from any other practical dilemma?
- 2 In what sense of 'reason' do desires provide reasons for action?
- 3 Is it a necessary condition for moral responsibility that I could have acted otherwise?
- 4 'Morality sometimes requires sacrifices; yet common sense excuses us from making them.' Discuss.
- 5 If we have an obligation to make people happy, do we also have an obligation to make happy people?
- 6 'An unowned thing may be appropriated, provided that there is enough and as good left over for *nature*.' Discuss.
- 7 What makes killing wrong?
- 8 Is it possible to be a devoted Nazi and accept the principle of universalizability?
- 9 **Either** (a) Can a utilitarian accept virtues?  
**Or** (b) What makes a character trait a virtue?
- 10 Does the categorical imperative recommend the universalizability of acts or of maxims?

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